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SUBJECT: SOVIET STATEMENT ON BERLIN AND EC PARLIAMENT

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 12265; (B)BONN 2755 (1975); (C) BONN 3094 (1975)

- 1. BONN GROUP HAS HELD A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CONCERNING A POSSIBLE REPLY TO THE SOVIET STATEMENT ON BERLIN AND EC DIRECT ELECTIONS.
- 2. FRENCH REP (LASSUS) REPORTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS GIVING FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES' THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT. THE FRENCH PREFER A REPLY THAT WOULD
  - -- BE SHORT AND TO THE POINT;

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-- PLAY DOWN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE;

- -- INDICATE THAT THERE IS NOTHING NEW ABOUT WEST BERLIN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EC; AND,
- -- RUN ALONG THE LINE OF THE REPLY TO THE SOVIET PROTESTS CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF THE EC VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER IN BERLIN.

ALL REPS GENERALLY AGREED THE FRENCH APPROACH HAD MERIT. LASSUS OFFERED TO BEGIN DRAFTING SOME LANGUAGE FOR THE NEXT MEETING ALONG THOSE LINES.

3. CONCERNING THE TIMING OF A POSSIBLE REPLY, LASSUS SAID THAT THE QUAI'S PROMPT INSTRUCTIONS PROBABLY REFLECTED A DESIRE FOR A PROMPT REPLY. UK REP (HITCH) SAID THAT HE HAD NO STRONG FEELINGS ON THE TIMING. US REP (HUGHES) OBSERVED THAT IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO REPLY BEFORE SEPTEMBER 20, THE PROPOSED DATE OF THE COUNCIL DECISION. HILLENBRAND

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